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TAGS: ETEL, ITU, ZA,US

SUBJECT: REPORT OF HARMFUL INTERFERENCE (9JX2, LUSAKA,
302.5 MHZ)

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1. EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE REQUESTED IN ALLEVIATING
INTERFERENCE CAUSED BY STATION AT LUSAKA, CALL SIGN 9JX2,
CAUSING HARMFUL INTERFERENCE TO U.S. NAVY SHIPS AND SHORE
STATIONS WHICH ARE ATTEMPTING TO RECEIVE SIGNALS FROM THE
LES-6 SATELLITE. LES-6 IS IN GEO-STATIONARY SYNCHRONOUS
EQUATORIAL ORBIT AT 36,000 KM. THE SOURCE OF INTERFERENCE
HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A MODERATELY HIGH POWER TRANSMITTER
WHICH IS BEING OPERATED BY ZAMBIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL
(AIR FORCE).

2. FYI. THE LES-6 SATELLITE DOES NOT HAVE INTERNATIONAL
PRIORITY STATUS BECAUSE OF ITS EXPERIMENTAL NATURE;
HOWEVER THE GAPFILLER SATELLITE, PLANNED FOR LAUNCH IN
JAN. 76 AND WHICH WILL REPLACE LES-6, DOES HAVE PRIORITY
STATUS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTRATION BOARD
OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION. HARMFUL
INTERFERENCE CAUSED TO LES-6 MAY ALSO BE CAUSED TO GAPFILLER
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SINCE THE SAME UPLINK FREQUENCY, 302.7 MHZ, WILL BE USED.

FURTHER, LES-6 IS CURRENTLY BEING USED IN AN INTERIM
OPERATIONAL STATUS, THEREFORE IT IS IMPERATIVE TO RESOLVE

THE HARMFUL INTERFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END FYI.

3. DEPARTMENT REPEATING TO EMBASSY BY SEPTTEL TEXT OF
TELEX MESSAGE IT SENT DIRECTLY TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
AT NDOLA (GENTEL NDOLA, TELEX NO. 3341) 25 JULY.
APPARENTLY, NO RPT NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY GENTEL
NDOLA IN RESPONSE THIS MESSAGE.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED RAISE MATTER WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES
AND REPORT RESULTS. KISSINGER

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